



THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 12, 1904.

A Russian dispatch, General Kuro-patkin's, states that the Japanese advanced very cautiously upon Feng-Wang-Cheng. At the same time an English dispatch says the celerity of the recent Japanese movements was remarkable. Between the two there is no discrepancy. Taken together, they lucidly set forth the whole manner of the Japanese campaign and go far toward explaining the success it has thus far attained. The Japanese have been particularly cautious in their advance, until they have made all preparations and fully assured themselves of the ground before them. Then they have moved and struck with startling swiftness. Another observer at the front says the Russians are being defeated because of their perfunctory, old fashioned methods. That may be. It was said at the beginning of the war that the Russians would probably not be found so up-to-date as the Japanese. But that fact is a poor basis on which to estimate the whole course and ending of the war. Precisely the same was said, and was largely true, of the British at the beginning of the Boer war. But in the end Roberts and Kitchener "got there, all the same." The Russians may or may not "get there," but their doing so will not be determined by any such detail as that at this stage of the conflict. The resourcefulness of Russia is well illustrated from the fact that this week that country called out 200,000 reserves in the Moscow and Kharkoff provinces, who will go at once to the front. Four army corps will be organized in July and August.

The Alabama republican State convention spent much time yesterday in the election of delegates-at-large to the national convention. The platform commends the administration of President Roosevelt and urges his nomination for the presidency. The element headed by Internal Revenue Collector J. O. Thompson, who was elected State chairman and who is one of the President's patronage referees in that State was in complete control of the convention. He is the leader of the administration forces in Alabama and was elected chairman of the executive committee. He represents what is known as the "Black-and-Tan" wing of the party, and was opposed by W. F. Aldrich. Mr. Thompson is said to have been the choice of President Roosevelt. Alabama will give Mr. Roosevelt no votes in the electoral college, but his affiliation with the colored element in that State will secure him the colored votes in the states in which they hold the balance of power.

AS STATED in yesterday's Gazette news has been received of an ambuscade in which seventeen American soldiers, including two officers, were killed by Moros in Mindanao. Still it is periodically stated that the Filipinos have been subjugated and that peace reigns in the Philippines. Those far away islands were nominally under control of Spain for four hundred years and during all that time advice similar to the above reached the Spanish capital at stated periods. The Filipinos have been fighting for freedom for centuries and do not seem disposed to let the Americans take the place of the Spaniards as their masters.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S revised plans for the summer, which were announced yesterday, show that he intends to give the republican campaign much of his personal attention. During his stay in Washington the campaign will be virtually under his direction. He has more confidence in himself than he has in any of the party leaders and has no idea of defeat if his own strenuousness can prevent it.

Two Filipino leaders charged with inciting ladrones to rebellion against the United States have been acquitted in Manila. In an unbiased court it would be a difficult task to convict Filipinos of rebellion in their own country.

The Japanese Cabinet has decided to float another loan of \$50,000,000 at 95, redeemable in five years, with interest at 5 per cent. This is but a straw showing the great cost of modern wars.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, D. C., May 12.

The Hearst delegates—18 in number, representing six primary districts—bolted the democratic convention which met this afternoon to choose delegates to the democratic national convention for the District of Columbia. The anti-Hearst faction completely dominated the convention and proceeded, as soon as the meeting was called to order, to elect a temporary organization, choosing Col. Edward Hay as chairman. The Hearst men strenuously opposed this, holding that the temporary organization of the convention should be managed by the sub-committee of the democratic national committee. This would have left the matter of deciding local contests in the hands of the commission. When they saw

that the convention itself would insist on this right, the Hearst men refused to vote for the motion to choose a temporary organization, and after the vote was taken they got up and stalked out. The result will be a contest at the national convention before the credentials committee. The Hearst men at once proceeded to hold their own convention and choose a separate delegation to the St. Louis gathering.

[A dispatch received in this office this evening says: "Delegates and alternates representing the Hearst faction were nominated by the regular convention, and according to the resolutions were unopposed."]

Representative Cowherd, of Missouri, chairman of the democratic congressional committee, says the democrats will control the next House. Mr. Cowherd has seen Charles F. Murphy and will have a talk with David B. Hill in a few days. "I expect we shall carry the House of Representatives this fall," said Mr. Cowherd. "There is a majority of only 32 against us now, and we shall be able to take more than 16 seats away from the republicans." When asked where he expected the democratic congressional gains to be made, Mr. Cowherd replied that his expectations were based on the general situation.

The report of the inspectors of the New York city postoffice is in possession of the Postmaster General, but it is not ready to be given to the public. The inspectors recommended the dismissal of Postmaster Von Cott, his son Richard, and a dozen subordinates, but it is the belief that Assistant Attorney General Robb's recommendation after careful examination do not advise so sweeping a change. The New York office has been under the inspectors probe almost continuously since last summer. President Roosevelt today approved the recommendations made by Attorney Robb and as a result Richard Van Cott, son of Postmaster Van Cott, is to be summarily removed.

Representative Robert R. Hitt, of Illinois, who is the owner of a vice-presidential boom, is not making very strenuous efforts to capture the nomination, but at the same time admits that if it comes his way he will not try to dodge it and confesses that he would like to have it if the convention and the people were to offer it to him.

Secretary of War Taft was up and around early this morning and about 10 o'clock went riding. He seemed to be in excellent spirits and to have suffered no particular inconvenience on account of the cauterization of his throat which was done last evening. It is his intention to leave this afternoon for the Adirondacks for a two weeks' rest.

At the Tyner-Barrett trial this morning, Postoffice Inspector Snow testified that Barrett told him that his income for three years after he left the department, as a representative of bond investment companies, was \$10,000. He also said that Barrett claimed to have made \$40,000 in two years in general law practice. E. S. Hoss, who was attorney for the Tyner-Barrett and Security Company, of St. Louis, testified that his concern had employed Barrett to represent it before the department.

Virginia Odd Fellows.

After electing the following officers, the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows adjourned at Leesburg late last night: C. W. Morris, of Richmond, grand master; Norman Ashby, deputy grand master; Roland E. Chase, of Clintwood, grand warden; T. Wiley Davis, of Richmond, grand secretary; Rev. J. J. Shearer, of Marion, grand chaplain; J. W. Ferguson, of Richmond, grand treasurer; W. D. Hill, of South Boston, grand representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Three trustees of the Orphans' Home, whose term had expired, were unanimously re-elected for four years. They are R. L. Brown, of Big Stone Gap; Norman Ashby, of Culpeper, and W. F. Baldwin, of East Radford. The management of the Orphans' Home was endorsed, and several thousand dollars contributed towards the indebtedness of the home property, which latter is valued at \$50,000.

The Rebekah Assembly elected the following officers: Mrs. M. E. Garis, of Portsmouth, president; Miss A. K. M. Krouse, of Lexington, vice president; Mrs. Celia Kass, of Richmond, warden; Mrs. S. Edmonia Dull, of Staunton, secretary; Mrs. Edmonia Perkins, of Richmond, treasurer; Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, of Lynchburg, chaplain; Miss Mina Coutte, of Clifton Forge, marshal; Mrs. Geneva Kennedy, of Staunton, conductor; Mrs. Mattie B. Hinkin, of Alexandria, inner guard; Mrs. Cory, of Newport News, outer guard.

Before adjourning the Rebekah Assembly visited in a body the Grand Lodge, where Hill Montague presented to Mrs. Mattie B. Hinkin, for Samaria Lodge, No. 2, of Alexandria, a handsome silver cup donated by the grand secretary, Mrs. Edmonia Dull, for the Rebekah Lodge having done the best work the past year.

The assembly donated \$100 to the home, and Chaplain Kass, on behalf of Friendship Lodge No. 11, of Richmond, donated \$200 to endow one room in the home. Owing to the location of the home in Lynchburg and the accessibility of this city the Grand Lodge decided to meet there again next year.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

Forest fires have broken out in the Adirondacks in the southern end of St. Lawrence county, N. Y.

The Indiana democratic State convention to select national convention delegates met at Indianapolis today.

The great event in fraternal society circles in Camden, N. J., will be the parade this evening of some seven thousand members of the Independent Order of Red Men.

A remarkable case of fasting is reported near Lacy Spring, Morgan county, Ala. Mrs. Sallie Rutherford has not tasted food in forty-seven days. She has been subject to violent spasms and during one of her spells her jaws locked. Mrs. Rutherford lies in a constant stupor, with her eyes closed. She is forty years old.

Attorney Ridgeley in the court at Dover, Del., today withdrew the motion for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Mary A. Powell, who was convicted on the charge of having murdered her adopted daughter, Elsie Albin. This action was taken at the request of the woman. Mrs. Powell was then sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Canadian Pacific Railroad Elevator B. at Port William, Ont., was totally destroyed by fire today. It was a wooden structure with a capacity of 1,250,000 bushels of grain and was of the type known as the terminal transfer elevator. It was valued at \$250,000. The loss of half a million bushels of grain will bring the total loss to \$500,000.

News of the Day.

The republican convention in Maryland yesterday instructed for Roosevelt. The Virginia Baptist State Association, colored, opened its thirty-seventh annual conference in Washington yesterday.

The story published by the Tribuna, of Rome, that the Pope has sent Cardinal Satoli to America to make an inquiry into Catholicism here is denied.

Democratic primaries in Florida resulted in a victory for Senator Tallaferrero for renomination and a likelihood that the State will be for Hearst.

Final settlement of the Fair estate litigation was affected in New York yesterday, the case being dismissed and Mrs. Oelrichs and Mrs. Vanderbilt paying the Nelson family a substantial sum.

By a decision of the Supreme Court of Georgia betting on horse racing in Georgia is declared, and the Supreme Court of Alabama has decided that pools should not be sold on horse races in Birmingham.

Charles Schut, aged 75 years, hanged himself at the foot of his wife's grave in Woodlawn Cemetery, at Great Bend, Pa., yesterday. About a year ago he lost most of his property and this was followed by the death of his wife.

Prince Esper Oukhtomsky, editor of the St. Petersburg Vidomosti, a leading political journal of Russia, who has been deputed by the czar to inquire into the American sentiment toward Russia, arrived in New York yesterday and will make a tour of the country with the object in view.

Secretary Shaw yesterday ordered a third call on the depositary banks, directing them to transfer to the Treasury on or before May 25 approximately \$10,000,000. Yesterday's call is for 10 per cent of the authorized balances of the depositary banks as they stood before the two previous calls.

Yesterday morning while Puanell Jones, aged 10 years, and Bud Sutton, 6 years old, were throwing oyster shells into a creek at Crisfield, Md., to a dog, Sutton struck Jones with a shell back of the right ear, killing him instantly. Sutton was lodged in jail last night yesterday afternoon, when Justice S. W. Kennerly decided that the killing was an accident and the boy was released.

Impending events of great importance to the military situation in Manchuria are foreshadowed in official dispatches given out late last night by the war commission. On May 8 the Japanese forces cautiously moved from Feng-wang-cheng toward Hai-cheng, which is thirty-two miles east by north of Niuchwang, and it is the opinion of the general staff that they should certainly reach their destination within two days. If the Japanese occupy Hai-cheng, with Port Arthur effectively cut off, Niuchwang, which the Russians have already dismantled, would pass into their hands. The entire Liaoting peninsula, in fact, save Port Arthur, and perhaps Kaiping, would be commanded by them.

There were scenes of martial splendor on the Champs de Mars, in St. Petersburg, yesterday, when Emperor Nicholas held his annual review of the detachments of all troops in the military district of St. Petersburg, which include every regiment of the Imperial Guard. Over 40,000 troops were in line. The maneuvers concluded with a picturesque charge across the field. Military attaches say the troops' superiors cannot be found in Europe. The populace cheered the emperor and the demonstration is calculated to check the depression caused by the unfavorable news from the front. Among the U. S. officers who witnessed the review was Major T. Bentley Mott, formerly of Leesburg, Va.

Virginia News.

Miss Nannie Robinson died at her home in Fredericksburg on Tuesday after a lingering illness, aged thirty years.

The petitions before the Circuit Court of Shenandoah county for barroom licenses in the town of Mount Jackson were refused.

Robert F. Johnston, agency manager of the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, died yesterday at his home in Richmond.

Charged with criminally assaulting Miss Maggie Dodd, 19 years old, Dave Guinn, of Pittsylvania county, a man with a wife and several children, was jailed at Chatham yesterday.

The commencement exercises of the Union Theological Seminary were held in Richmond yesterday. In the graduating class were 18 young men, who will receive the degree of bachelor of divinity.

Mr. S. Gordon Cummings, of Hampton, has received a letter from Senator Daniel which leads him to believe that the Senator would consent for his name to be placed on the democratic ticket for the Vice Presidency.

James A. Gills, while walking over his farm, in Buckingham, a few days ago, discovered a magnificent antlered buck hanging dead by his horns in the fork of a sapling. The deer evidently was pursued by dogs and in making a flying leap over a tall fence drove his antlers between the limbs and was unable to extricate himself.

"He came to his death by the accidental discharge of his own pistol" is the verdict of the coroner's jury which for nearly two days investigated the circumstance and conditions surrounding the death of Edward L. Wentz, the young millionaire, whose body was discovered on a spur of Black Mountain in Wise county last Sunday afternoon.

Fearing that the superstition of the general public with regard to Friday and the number 13 might have some bearing on the success of the Jamestown Exposition, those in charge of the ground-breaking exercises booked for tomorrow, have decided to postpone them indefinitely.

Tomorrow will be the 29th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week to citizens of this State, of the following patents: Clifford C. Metheny, of Sowing, for a penholder; Jacob Brauchli, of Hampton, for a boat-launching apparatus; Messrs. R. Flynn, of Danville, for a hand pump; Joseph G. Baker and Constine Gallagher, of Richmond, for a bottle cooler; National Shoe Manufacturing Co., of Richmond, trade mark for leather shoes; Lord & Russell, of Richmond, trade mark for talcum powder; Philip Brown, of Newport News, label for whisky.

The Mount Vernon Regatta met today.

The Market.

Georgetown, May 12.—Wheat 95¢@1.05.

CZAR WANTS TO ABDICATE?

Absolutism Nearing an End—Constitutional Government Being Considered—Port Arthur Cut off—Vladivostok Threatened.

Liverpool, May 12.—The Post today asserts that a report has reached London from a high quarter in St. Petersburg, that the czar is suffering from great mental depression, and is desirous of abdicating.

Vienna, May 12.—Russian advices received here today state that the conviction is growing among the intellectual classes of Russia that the country has had a decided sufficiency of absolutism. The eyes of the czar, it is asserted, will soon be opened to this fact, and his majesty will be led, of his own initiative, to give the empire a constitution, and call a parliament. It is declared the czar has long been considering the advisability of summoning delegates from all the provincial Zemstvos, and that Prince Uchtomsky was recently ordered to elaborate a scheme for constitutional government. It is believed, say the advices, that a turning point has now been reached, and that Russia is on the threshold of mighty changes.

London, May 12.—A dispatch received by Lloyds from their Niuchwang correspondent states that Port Arthur is cut off. The dispatch which is sent via sent Chefoo, and dated May 12th, follows: "Produce is arriving in great quantities from up the river. Japanese troops are marching from Feng-Huang-Cheng toward Hai-cheng. Port Arthur is cut off. Perfect order prevails at Niuchwang. I do not anticipate trouble or fighting in this vicinity."

St. Petersburg, May 12.—A telegram from Posit Bay, Siberia, states that the squadron and garrison at Vladivostok fear another Japanese attack is about to be made on the place, and every effort is being put forth to guard the port from such an onslaught. The telegram adds that the suspicious lights which were seen off Pallada roadstead on Monday night were again seen last evening, and it is thought the Japanese torpedo boats seen on May 9th have been joined by additional Japanese vessels.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—Viceroy Alexieff telegraphs that preparatory to the evacuation of Port Dalny all the docks and material that would be useful to the enemy were being blown up and destroyed.

London, May 12.—The Tokio correspondent of the Reuter-Telegram Company wires that it is officially denied there that the Port Arthur railway communication has been restored.

Shanghai-Kwan, May 12.—A rumor is current here today that fighting is proceeding southeast of Newchwang.

Disastrous Wrecks.

Trenton, N. J., May 12.—One of the most disastrous freight wrecks the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has suffered in several years, in this section, happened about 3:30 o'clock this morning, when a fast freight from Philadelphia to Jersey City ploughed into a landslide caused by the overflowing of the Delaware and Raritan canal near the Greenwood avenue tunnel. From fifteen to eighteen cars loaded with merchandise valued at thousands of dollars and consigned to merchants in Newark, Jersey City, New York and other near by points were ground up in the wreck. None of the train hands was seriously hurt.

A freight wreck was caused on the Pennsylvania Railroad here this morning, by the overflowing of the canal near the tracks. No one was injured. The overflowing waters deposited a quantity of debris on the track. A freight engine ran into the pile of dirt and bushes and derailed. The derailed train crashed into another freight, which was passing in the opposite direction, and smashed six cars. Traffic was slightly interrupted but no serious loss of time was caused.

Young Men's Christian Association. Buffalo, N. Y., May 12.—The thirty-fifth convention of the International Y. M. C. A. of North America opened here yesterday. The committee on permanent organization reported the nomination of officers, among them Mr. Henry B. Macfarland, of Washington, D. C., president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, for president. A banquet was given to the 1,400 delegates at City Convention Hall, last evening. It probably was the largest banquet ever served in a hall in Buffalo. The triennial report shows: Associations, 1,800; members, 350,455; value of buildings, \$26,250,500.

New York Stock Market.

New York, May 12.—The stock market this morning was heavy on liquidation assisted by efforts to lower prices. On continued pessimistic feeling with regard to the outlook in the industrial stock declined 1 per cent. After the first hour increased pressure was brought to bear against the railroad list and there was a fresh decline. The trading sentiment is considerably unsettled and the bear faction is more active than it has been in some time.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Breeder's stake of 200 sovereigns, run at Newmarket, today, was won by King Edward's Rose Market.

The Central News states that the Japanese loan has already been over-subscribed. The banks handling it are crowded this morning.

On the Buffalo track in Paris today Bobby Walthour the Georgia bicycle racer, beat the Italian champion Rangla, twice running.

A dispatch from Gyang-Tse, Tibet, today states that the Tibetans have repulsed the bombardment of the British camp there. The Tibetans are using cannons.

The doctors at St. Petersburg who have been taking care of Grand Duke Cyril, the czar's cousin, who was injured in the blowing up of the Petrovsky, at Port Arthur, report that his nervous system is so run down that it will require the most careful treatment.

The newspapers of Berlin continue to cry out against the American consuls in Germany. The official paper, Koelnische Zeitung, today reiterates the accusation made recently by the Kreuz Zeitung that these consuls are guilty of improper practices. The Koelnische demands government action in the matter to terminate a public nuisance. The Deutsch Zeitung says the American consuls deserve to be treated as spies, while the Schlesische Zeitung denounces them as a national danger. Other papers make similar comment.

Twenty persons were injured by the falling of a flaming balloon in the avenue d'Aumenesil, Paris, today. While trying to extricate an aeronaut, who was caught beneath the balloon, a bystander cut the silk portion of the balloon which exploded badly injuring thirteen spectators. The seven others injured were burned. The aeronauts were unhurt. The name of the aeronaut who guided the ship is Bacon. He was accompanied by a friend. The number of injured was later roughly estimated at forty. Several houses caught fire from the explosion, but the blaze was quickly extinguished.

Funeral Directors.

The Virginia Funeral Directors' Association at Lynchburg yesterday elected the following officers: President, R. W. Baker, Suffolk; vice presidents, S. W. Townes, Danville; Charles L. Morris, Petersburg; W. E. Rouse, Newport News; N. W. Stevens, Pulaski; W. F. Richardson, Richmond; secretary, J. T. Christian, Richmond; treasurer, Jas. Perly, Charlottesville. Norfolk was selected as the next place of meeting.

A fire which broke out at 2 o'clock this morning in the photograph gallery of J. O'Neill Johnson, at 469 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, resulted in serious property damage and came near causing the loss of life. Two women and several men were rescued from the building with difficulty. The fire department was called, but the building had been gutted before the flames were under control.

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The Horse Show.

The second annual exhibition of the Cameron Run Hunt Club was held on the grounds of the club today. Many visitors were present from Washington, Baltimore, New York and Boston. The day's sport as a whole far exceeded the greatest expectations of both the exhibitors and guests. The first class brought out three splendid pairs of harness horses and was won by Mr. Clarence Moore's pair of chestnut geldings. Next came the saddle class with such prominent entries as Mrs. Blair Johnston's Robin Adair and the Porter brothers' Jolly Boy, the blue going to the old Virginia, champion Robin Adair. After this came thirty-three green hunters whose splendid performances brought forth the enthusiastic applause of the spectators.

The greatest attraction of the day was the class for hunt teams in which four entries qualified. After a beautiful contest the cup was awarded to the Cameron Run Hunt Club represented by Mrs. Courtland H. Smith, Miss Nora Herbert and Miss Katherine Elkins, the first ladies' hunt team ever exhibited in this country.

The Cameron Run hunter class contesting for a cup presented by Mr. C. H. Smith was also quite a feature of the day. In this class Mr. Charles R. Hood's Jr., Capt. Paul finally redeemed his early promise by carrying off the coveted ribbon. In the heavy weight class Mr. Jarrocks, Mr. Clarence Moore's brown gelding, carried off the honors over Mr. Courtland H. Smith's Hiawatha, Lord Craven being third. The next two classes, the high jump and free for all, were hotly contested, both being won by Mr. Clarence Moore's Masterpiece.